



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

September 25, 1997

H.R. 512

New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 17, 1997

H.R. 512 would prohibit the spending of any amounts appropriated from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the purpose of creating any new wildlife refuge unless the refuge has been specifically authorized by the Congress. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 512 would have no direct impact on the federal budget because the bill would not affect any existing authorizations to acquire land for refuges.

H.R. 512 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would not effect federal receipts or direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.